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INCENTIVE FUND FOR PANCHAYATS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government propose to constitute an Incentive Fund for such Panchayats which have performed well andmade full use of their resources;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a): No such proposal is before the Union Government.

(b) & (c): However, at an All India Panchayat Adyakshas Sammelan held on April, 2002 in New Delhi it was suggested that the Union Government institute an appropriate structure of incentives by the State and the Union Government to recognize and encourage the panchayats for outstanding performance, especially in respect of improvements effected in accepted Social Development indicators. Since this issue requires extensive consultations with the State Governments including initiation of certain prior steps by the State Governments, no time frame can be indicated for taking a final decision in this regard.